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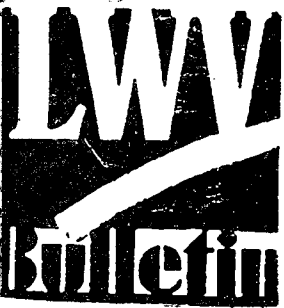
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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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Women's Global Issues topic of first meeting

Tuesday, October 1, 7:30 p.m. at Enslow Park Presbyterian church is the first meeting this year for the Huntington Area League of Women Voters. Cosponsored by the AAUW, the meeting subject will be WOMEN'S GLOBAL ISSUES and the speakers are Evelyn Hansbarger, a Huntington native now living in Monroe County, and Pam Curry, Executive Director of the Center for Economic Options. Both attended the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995. (Read more about the speakers in a related article.)

The Fourth World Conference on Women addressed every area of women's lives--as individuals with human rights; as mothers, wives, sisters and daughters with family roles and responsibilities; as workers, employers, entrepreneurs and activists; and as leaders at the community, national and global levels. (Read about the Platform for Action in a related article.)

Bring a friend with you to this meeting and hear first hand about the worldwide issues concerning women.

Hansbarger and Curry speakers for October 1 meeting

Evelyn Hansbarger and Pam Curry will be the speakers at the October 1 Huntington Area LWV meeting. Both attended the Fourth World Conference on Women and will bring a first hand view of women's global issues as addressed by this conference.

Evelyn is a Huntington native and graduated from Huntington East High School and attended Marshall University. She has worked as Fiscal Officer for both the WV Women's Commission and the WV Humanities Council. She is retired and lives on a farm in Monroe County. She is active in community affairs and is currently serving on the boards of the Monroe County Arts Council, Common Ground and the Community Wellness Partnership Project.

Pam has been executive director of the Center for Economic Options since 1988. She is a founding member of the Central Appalachian Network (CAN)--a regional and production network, an executive board member of the WV Regional Development Council, and participates in the national Association for Enterprise Opportunity and Society for Fund Raising Executives. Prior to joining the Center, Pam was employed in social services for the Department of Health and Human Resources at both county and state levels for more than fifteen years. She attended Marshall University. Additionally, she is a singer and musician in Mountain Thyme, a women's music group which performs traditional Irish and Scottish songs and original Appalachian music.

Welcome . . . to new members Bob Levy, Frances Armstrong, Susan Yarborough, Susan Kelz and Timothy and Erika Bailey. Remember, memberships are accepted throughout the year. Ask a friend to join.

Kudos . . .

to Doris Johnson, who coordinated "Summer Fun" and to Virginia Hensley who coordinated Election Day Call-In Service for the primary election.

The Fourth World Conference: A success for the world's women

(From an article by United Nations Ambassador Madeleine Albright, Chair, U.S. delegation to the UN Fourth World Conference)

The Fourth World Conference on Women was a rousing success. The final document--the Platform for Action--is a powerful and progressive statement about the empowerment of women and the imperative to advance their status. Its outstanding and unifying feature is its particular attention to the human rights of women. The concept of the human rights of women is so integrated into the Platform that it provides the foundation and framework for the broad public policy agenda that the document sets out. For all the painstaking and numerous details, the principles behind them can be simply stated:

- *Violence against women in all its forms must be stopped.
- *Girls must be protected and valued equally with boys in their families and by societies.
- *Women must have access to education and health care of a high quality and to the levers of economic and political power.
- *Family responsibilities must be shared.
- *The right of women to control their own fertility, and equality in sexual relations are fundamental to women's empowerment.
- *Freedom of expression is a prerequisite to human rights, which are women's rights.

The consensus and the document itself would have been unimaginable twenty years ago when the United Nations proclaimed 1975 to be International Women's Year, thus setting into motion the cycle of events that led us to Beijing. That the nations of the world could have come to such a consensus regarding the status of women, the obstacles to their advancement, and the actions necessary to empower them is testimony to the women of the world who have organized themselves into a powerful force--an international women's movement of activists, advocates and advisors to the nations of the world. (BRINGING BEIJING HOME, JAN. 1996)

Voters Service Activities

Terri Waldeck and Helen Gibbins have been participating in the Herald-Dispatch organized planning for Tri-State area voter registration and Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) activities.

The League will be cosponsor of the GOTV at the September 21 Chilifest, where candidates will be allowed to give short presentations. The League will also staff a table at the Mall on October 4th and 5th (Women's Day at the Mall) where we will provide election information and final efforts to register people to vote.

League volunteers are needed for the September 21 Chilifest and October 4th and 5th Mall table -- please call Nancy Taylor, 522-3361 or Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

Nancy Taylor and Beth Bauserman recently demonstrated the voting machine and provided election information at the Center for Independent Living. Helen Gibbins registered voters and spoke at the Federal Women's Organization which celebrated Women's Equality Week.

The state League is a cosponsor of the fall debates on WPBY-TV. The programs start on September 29 with debates and interviews with candidates for members of Congress. At 9:00 p.m., the program will include the national public TV's "The Future Congress" with debates among the majority and minority leaders of congress. At 10:00 p.m., Debate Watch, a group of citizens lead by MU professor Bertram Gross, will evaluate the candidates' comments on the issues. Becky Cain, LWVUS president, will play a prominent role in the evening's broadcast.

County book

Thanks to the fine effort of Rose Riter and her committee, the Cabell County Book is now available. It covers all the governmental units in Cabell County plus education, taxes, social services, etc. Thanks also to the contributors for this project - McGuire Realty, 20th Street Bank, Klingel Carpenter Mortuary, Heiner's Bakery, BFI, Goodwill, Renaissance Book Store and Mansour's Grocery. You can get your book at a League meeting or by calling Rose Riter, 522-4459.

The LWV is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$30 individual, \$45 for two in one household.

To join, send your check to: Ann Speer, Treasurer, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701.

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Calendar

- Sept. 18 Community Service Roundtable meeting, 12 noon, Ritter Park pavilion, contact Karen, 523-2764.
- Oct 1. Huntington Area LWV meeting, 7:30 p.m. Enslow Park Presbyterian Church, "Women's Global Issues".
- Oct. 4, 5 League table at Women's Day at the Mall.
- Oct. 6 or 13 Candidates for Governor Debate, WPBY-TV.
- Oct. 7 Deadline for registering to vote.
- Oct 14 Candidates for Governor Debate, HHS.
- Oct. 20 Candidates for Secretary of State Debate, WPBY-TV.

Jenkins' Home update

The Greenbottom Society has announced that the General Jenkins Home at Greenbottom has been turned over to the Division of Culture and History by the Division of Natural Resources. A development director, Ellyn Cameron, has been hired and has moved into the house. Arrangements for visitation and historic interpretation will be taking place in the near future. The League of Women Voters supported the Greenbottom Society in its efforts to get the historic 1837 plantation open to the public.

The League wishes to thank all members of the WV legislative delegation whose efforts brought this drive to a successful conclusion by securing funds to support the General Jenkins Plantation development project.

At the Library, courtesy of the Huntington Area LWV...

Citizens will now be able to read the LWVUS publication NATIONAL VOTER. Also available for check out is the book A VOICE OF OUR OWN, featuring essays by women leaders celebrating the right to vote.

Look for ... the October issue of LADIES HOME JOURNAL. There will an article on the first women voters and Eula Stapleton from our area should be one of those interviewed.

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